Similarly, under TMNE, an amount of Rs. 5392.19 lakh has been provided to various States, since inception of the scheme.

(d) and (e) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has set up six Agri Export Zones (AEZs) to promote the floriculture industry in key producing regions in various parts of the country, namely Tamil Nadu (2 AEZs), Karnataka, Maharashtra, Sikkim and Uttarakhand.

No proposal has been received from the State Government of Orissa for setting of AEZ for flowers.

Amount released under Market Intervention Scheme

†532. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the amount of grant released to various States under the Market Intervention Scheme during the last two years;

(b) whether his Ministry is also contemplating to increase the amount of Central Government in aid upto seventy five per cent to the States of Central Himalayan zone like that of North-Eastern States;

(c) if so, by when a decision would be taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, what are the details of the alternative measures taken to give benefit to the middle and small farmers of these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The Ministry of Agriculture has released as Central Government share of loss to various States under the Market Intervention Scheme as under:—

(in Rs. lakh)

Year	Commodity	State	Amount
2005-06	Palm oil	Karnataka	5.47
2005-06	Apples	Himachal Pradesh	169.33
2005-06	Hatkora	Mizoram	14.85
2005-06	Ginger	Mizoram	64.85
2006-07	Ginger	Mizoram	70.36
2006-07	Hatkora	Mizoram	17.91
2007-08	Chilli	Mizoram	72.87

(b) and (c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(d) The middle and small farmers of the States other than North-Eastern States are also covered under the existing MIS. However, the Central share of loss is restricted to 50% for these States. Besides, the middle and small farmers of these States are also benefited through various schemes of the Government including Price Support Scheme, Technological Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttrakhand, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), Macro Management of Agriculture scheme (MMA).

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